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Staff Report

Subject: Unauthorized Activity, Lee Mine, T. 39 S., R. 25 E., Sections 15 and 16.

Date: August 29, 2008

While in the field on August 27, 2008 I noticed that work has recently been done at the Lee Mine in Black Steer Canyon (see attached maps). The Lee Mine is a uranium mine that was last operated by Energy Fuels Nuclear. The Lee Mine was reclaimed and released by the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (UDOGM) in 1996. The mine site consists of both BLM and Private surface.

The BLM has not received a Notice of Intent or Plan of Operations for any new work at the Lee Mine. I called Paul Baker, UDOGM to see if they had permitted activity at the site. Paul said they had no knowledge of the work. Because the surface ownership was in question based on map review in the field, I returned to the site the next day, August 28, 2008 with a GPS unit to collect data so the boundaries between BLM and Private land could be ascertained more accurately. After plotting the data on a surface ownership map it appears that the disturbed areas occur on both Private and BLM surface.

Surface disturbance totals approximately 0.8 acres consisting of: nearly 1800 feet of bladed access (approx. 10 ft wide) and 12 backhoe trenches and associated disturbance (see attached photographs). It is presumed that trenches were excavated for the purpose of testing for uranium. The trenches remain open. Surface disturbance is roughly equal between the Private land and BLM surface.

It is unknown at this time who may have done the work. I received an e-mail from Paul Baker stating that he had checked BLM and County records and that the north half of section 15 is owned by Eugene Shumway et al, and that Shane Shumway, Blanding, Utah has located two mining claims in the NW and SW of Section 15.



View looking southeast at bladed access in foreground and test trench no. 2 through 5 in reclaimed slope of old Lee Mine (BLM surface).



View looking east at test trench no. 1



Test trench no. 1. Vertical cut is approximately 12 feet high X 14 feet wide.



View looking southeast at test trench no. 3 and 4.



View looking northeast at test trench no. 6 and pad area
(Private surface).



View looking southwest at test trench no. 6 and pad area.

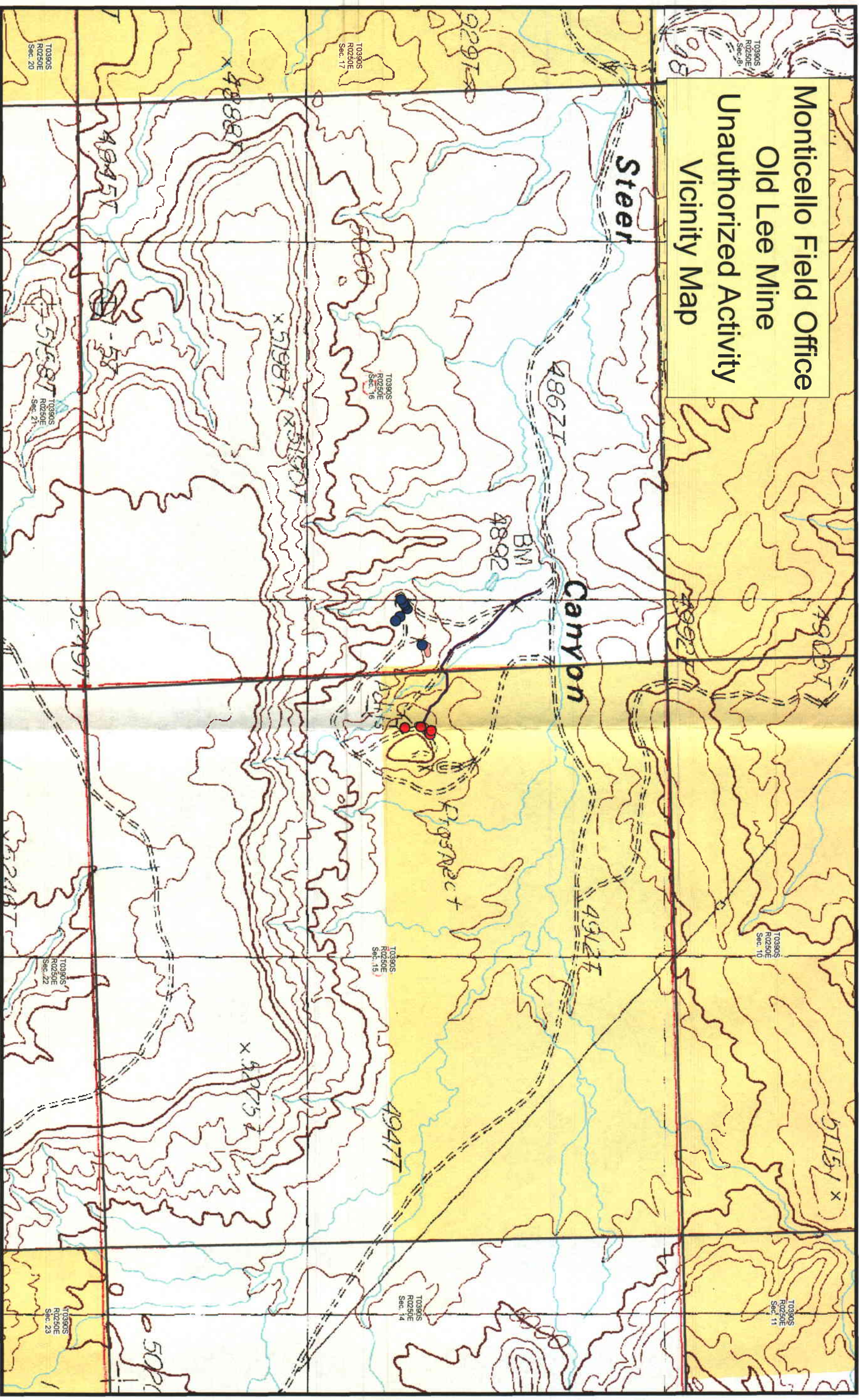


Test trench no. 7.



View looking south at test trench no. 12.

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Vicinity Map



No warranty is made by the BLM for use of the data for purposes not intended by the BLM.



- Land Status**
- Test Trench
 - Test Trench
 - Bladed
 - Disturbed Area
 - Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
 - Private



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